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- 1. The Wroclaw (Breslau) branch office of the Polish Central Administration of Inland Waterways (Centralny Zarzad Drog Wodnych Srodladowych) has assigned seven barge trains to the task of carrying coal from Kozle (Cosel) or Wroclaw to Berlin-Klingenberg. The barges trains are made up of five barges each. This means that 35 Polish barges of an average carrying capacity of from 350 to 450 metric tons of coal are engaged in the traffic from Poland to Berlin-Klingenberg. The round trip takes 14 days. A norm has been established, according to which each barge train is expected to make two complete trips to Berlin-Klingenberg during each month. This traffic indicates that the Polish barges bring approximately 28,000 metric tons of coal to Berlin-Klingenberg during each 30-day periods
- 2. The Polish barges which have deck coverings take cargo from the Berlin area for Poland on their return trips. This cargo usually consists of machines or fertilizers. Those barges which do not have deck coverings usually return to Poland empty.
- The DSU (Deutsche Schifffahrts- und Umschlagebetriebszentrale German Transport and Transshipment Agency) assigned five barge trains to the coal traffic from Wroclaw to Berlin-Klingenberg. This means that 25 DSU barges always travel empty from Berlin to Wroclaw. The DSU also expects its barges to make two complete trips to Poland during each 30-day period. The DSU therefore brings approximately 20,000 metric tons of coal to Berlin-Klingenberg during each 30-day period.
- 4. The Poles use tugs of 300 h.p. to pull barges from Kozle to Wroclaw. At Wroclaw, tugs of 500 h.p. take over the barge trains and move them to the Polish-East German control point of Wilow-Schoenfeld. At Schoenfeld, all Polish barges are hitched to East German tugs for delivery to Berlin-Klingenberg. On the return trip from Berlin, all Polish and East German barges are towed to Schoenfeld-Milow by East German tugs. The DSU tug DONAU usually takes Polish barges from Berlin-Klingenberg to Schoenfeld-Milow.
- 5. The ratio of coal loading at Kozle and Wroclaw is 2:5. This means that for every two barges which are loaded at Kozle there are five loaded in Wroclaw.

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